



# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## MIDWEEK WORSHIP

### MARCH 18, 2026

## FOR US BETRAYED

Jesus foretells His own betrayal, death, and resurrection in today's text (Mark 8:31–9:1). This shows us that the way of salvation only comes through the path of suffering (Hebrews 2:10). Jesus' suffering, His Passion, does not simply mean that He sympathizes with us. Rather, it means that He participates in our suffering, and we in His. His betrayal, the crown of thorns, the shameful cross—all of these lead to how Jesus “gave His dying breath,” as we sing in the series hymn. In the Passion reading, we will also hear how He dies (Mark 15:33–47) and what that means for us today.

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

**C** = Congregation

### \*Opening Versicles



**P** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**P** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

**\*Psalm**

*Psalm 41*

- P** Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
- C** **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**
- P** The LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;
- C** **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**
- P** The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
- C** **In his illness You restore him to full health.**
- P** As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
- C** **Heal me, for I have sinned against You!"**
- P** My enemies say of me in malice,
- C** **"When will he die and his name perish?"**
- P** And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity;
- C** **When he goes out, he tells it abroad.**
- P** All who hate me whisper together about me;
- C** **They imagine the worst for me.**
- P** They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
- C** **He will not rise again from where he lies."**
- P** Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
- C** **Who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.**
- P** But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- C** **By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.**
- P** But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.
- C** **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri

**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Reading

*Romans 8:9–11*

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*Mark 5:1–13*

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Passion Reading

*Mark 15:6–32*

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments

among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Hymn of the Day**

**LSB 544 O Love, How Deep**

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore,  
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
 5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,  
 Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or low - er place,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,  
 For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,  
 That God, the Son of God, should take  
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus  
 He bore the shame - ful cross and death;  
 Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 And to this world Him - self He came.  
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.  
 For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

Sermon

“For Us Betrayed”

Gathering of the Offering *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

Hymn at the Offering

LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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\*Kyrie

LSB 285

- P** O Lord,
- C** Have mercy.
- P** O Christ,
- C** Have mercy.
- P** O Lord,
- C** Have mercy.

### \*Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### \*Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### \*Versicles

*LSB 286*

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** Let my cry come to You.

**P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

**C** For You answer me.

**P** Hide Your face from my sins,

**C** And blot out all my iniquities.

**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C** And renew a right spirit within me.

**P** Cast me not away from Your presence,

**C** And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

**P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

**C** And uphold me with a willing spirit.

**P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

**C** My lips will praise You.

**P** For You have been my help,

**C** And in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.

**P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;

**C** Unite my heart to fear Your name.

**P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

**C** And I will glorify Your name forever.

**P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

**C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

- P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.  
**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** Listen to my plea for grace.

**\*Luther's Morning Prayer (11:30)**

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**\*Luther's Evening Prayer (6:30)**

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**\*Benedicamus**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Blessing**

- P** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**C** Amen.



## \*Hymn to Depart

## LSB 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

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